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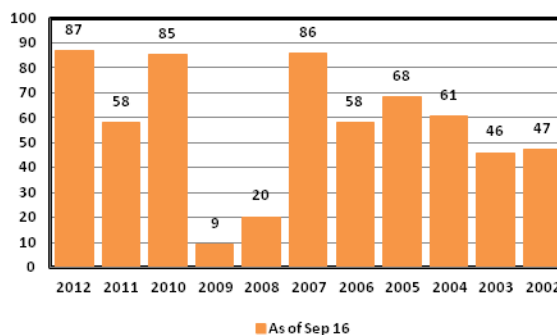
Agricultural Summary

Temperatures dipped below average this week, ending the week at an average of 65 degrees, 2.6 degrees below normal. Statewide precipitation averaged 0.16 inches, 0.60 inches below normal. The cooler temperatures and lack of rain for most of the state provided an average of 6 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated at 15 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 51 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture levels were rated at 37 percent very short, 46 percent short, and 17 percent adequate. Corn harvest continued to progress with 36 percent of the crop now being harvested. Corn harvest was 9 percent complete at this time last year and the five 5-year average for this time period is 13 percent. There was little change in the corn condition, now rated at 42 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 18 percent fair, and 7 percent good. Soybean harvest is beginning in many areas around the state but only 3 percent of the crop has been harvested so far. Seventy-nine percent of the soybean crop is turning yellow, compared to 62 normally. Soybeans dropping leaves increased to 45 percent last week, compared to 26 percent last year and the five 5-year average of 32 percent. Soybean conditions were rated at 19 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 19 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Pasture conditions continued to improve last week with 20 percent rated very poor, 23 percent poor, 38 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 2 percent excellent.

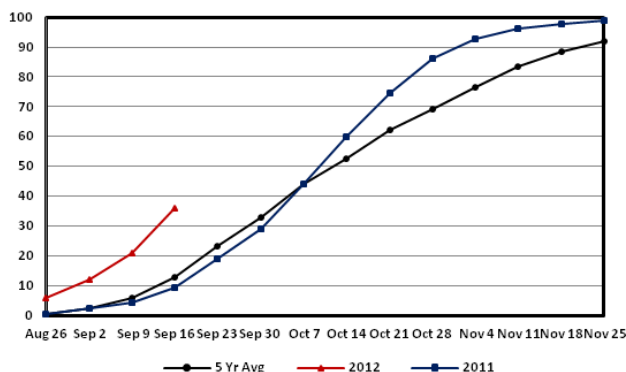
Crop Progress Percents

	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
September 16				
CORN:				
Dent	99	97	96	88
Mature	87	75	58	52
Harvested	36	21	9	13
SOYBEANS:				
Turning yellow	79	60	62	62
Dropping leaves	45	21	26	32
Harvested	3	1	1	2
SORGHUM:				
Coloring	98	90	90	81
Mature	84	40	47	44
Harvested	12	7	3	9
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Third cut	92	92	94	94

Corn - Percent Mature
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Corn - Percent Harvested
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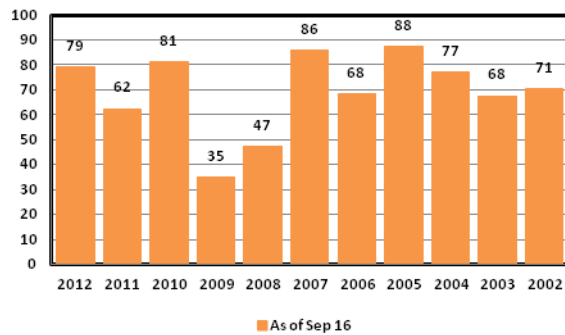


Crop Condition Percents

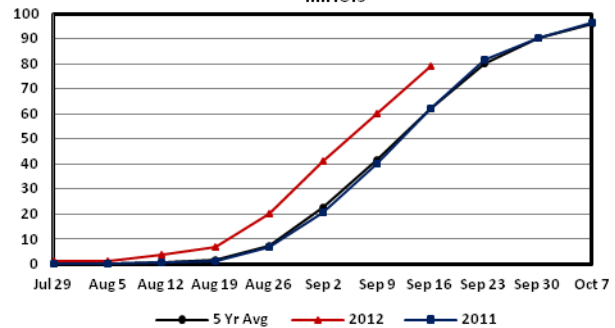
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
September 16					
Corn	42	33	18	7	-
Soybeans	19	23	37	19	2
Sorghum	62	19	17	2	-
Pasture	20	23	38	17	2

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	September 10-16					September 16			
Northwest	6.2	18	56	26	-	42	52	6	-
Northeast	5.9	39	43	18	-	67	26	7	-
West	6.3	25	35	40	-	58	33	9	-
Central	6.2	16	18	66	-	25	41	34	-
East	5.7	1	24	75	-	25	52	23	-
W Southwest	6.1	18	37	44	1	37	53	10	-
E Southeast	5.5	10	35	55	-	31	45	24	-
Southwest	5.7	5	10	85	-	11	41	48	-
Southeast	6.4	-	11	89	-	17	58	25	-
State	6.0	15	34	51	-	37	46	17	-

Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow
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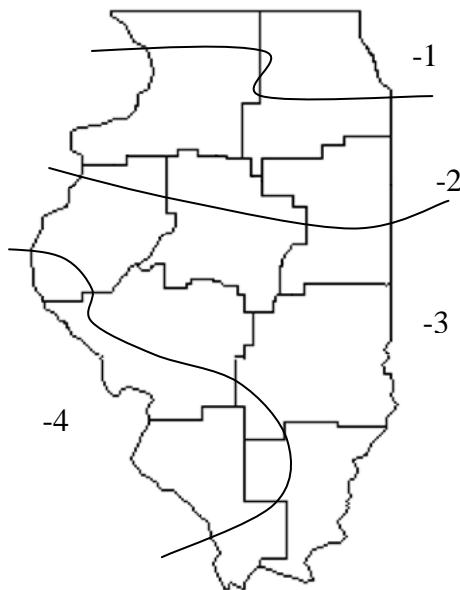
Crop Progress Percents by Districts

District	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Turning Yellow	Soybeans Dropping Leaves	Soybeans Harvested
September 16					
Northwest	70	12	75	55	2
Northeast	71	7	92	60	2
West	97	38	78	38	1
Central	92	33	77	46	3
East	91	32	80	34	4
W Southwest	96	69	77	40	2
E Southeast	98	59	88	60	3
Southwest	91	62	42	19	1
Southeast	70	40	78	38	4
State	87	36	79	45	3

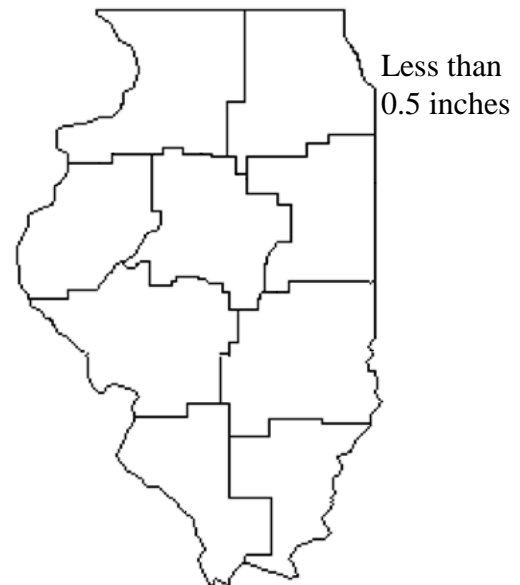
Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days 1/	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
September 10 - 16						
Northwest	63.2	-1.8	0.17	-0.62	2,887	273
Northeast	64.1	-1.2	0.23	-0.55	2,890	310
West	64.1	-3.3	0.18	-0.72	3,068	204
Central	64.6	-2.7	0.21	-0.50	3,009	208
East	65.0	-2.1	0.21	-0.46	2,975	215
W Southwest	65.3	-3.3	0.13	-0.65	3,161	201
E Southeast	66.0	-3.0	0.14	-0.62	3,177	198
Southwest	66.0	-3.8	0.12	-0.61	3,262	183
Southeast	67.5	-2.8	0.08	-0.67	3,335	223
State	65.0	-2.6	0.16	-0.60	3,076	225

1/ Growing degree days (GDD's) are calculated by subtracting a 50-degree (F) base temperature from the average of the maximum and minimum temperatures for the day. The daily maximum temperature is limited to 86 degrees (F) and daily minimum is 50 degrees (F). Thus, if the mean temperature for the day is 75 degrees, then 25 GDD's will have been accumulated.



Temperature (°F) Departure
September 10 - 16



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 10 - 16

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center
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NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All survey responses are confidential, by law, and are exempt from the Freedom Of Information Act. Your information matters!

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